



Designating the First Full Week of May as National Correctional Employees Week

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated the first full week of May as National Correctional Employees week; and

WHEREAS, the 32 members of the Roosevelt County Detention Center play an essential role in the Criminal Justice System; and

WHEREAS, the contribution they make to American law enforcement, while not highly visible, are substantial. These men and women are responsible for ensuring the custody, control, and safety of detainees held in detention. Directly supervising the incarceration and rehabilitation of criminal offenders, correctional employees are an essential part of our Nation's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Detention Center personnel have faced unprecedented challenges over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic with additional burdens placed upon the facility. This team has worked to successfully combat and mitigate COVID-19 within the facility to ensure the overall health, safety, and security of the detainee population and personnel has been sustained; and

WHEREAS, the general public should fully appreciate correctional employees' capable handling of the physical and emotional demands made upon them daily. Their profession requires careful and constant vigilance, and the threat of violence is always present. At the same time, these dedicated employees try to improve the living conditions of those who are being confined; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Roosevelt County Detention Center unceasingly provide a vital public service, working long shifts, and put their lives on the line daily. This team has remained committed to excellence after earning and achieving re-accreditation by the New Mexico Association of Counties Adult Detention Professional Standards in 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners, they call upon all citizens of Roosevelt County and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the first full week of May as National Correctional Employees Week in honor of those correctional employees, whom we believe clearly deserve our recognition, respect, and appreciation for ensuring that our detention facility and functions are operated safely and humanely.

The Board of Commissioners further call upon all citizens of Roosevelt County to observe the first full week of May as National Correctional Employees Week in honor of those correctional officers who, through their courage deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and those who continue to serve in this challenging and difficult profession in public safety.



PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of April, 2021 by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ATTEST:

Mandi M. Park
Mandi Park, County Clerk

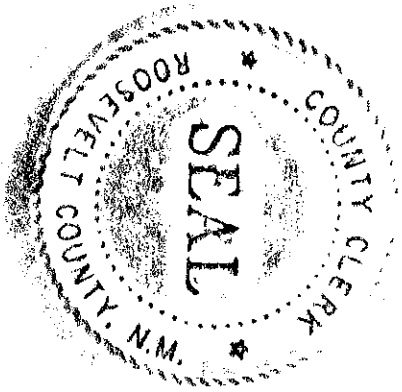
Tina Dixon
Tina Dixon, Chairman – District IV
Voted: Yes No Abstained

absent
Lewis (Shane) Lee, Vice Chair – District III
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Dennis Lopez
Dennis Lopez – District I
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Rodney Savage
Rodney Savage – District II
Voted: Yes No Abstained

absent
Paul Grider – District V
Voted: Yes No Abstained



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